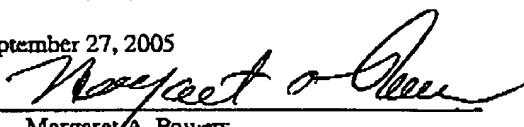


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AMENDMENT

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Dear Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2005.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response for two months from July 28, 2005 to September 28, 2005.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.